



**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 4TH!**

**TRAINING DATE:  
OCTOBER 25TH**



## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Delivery Format:**

Virtual  
(REQUIRED Pre-Work prior to virtual training)

**Date and Time:**

October 25th / 8:30 am to 4pm

**Location:**

Virtual

**Where to Register:**

**REGISTER NOW**



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October 1, 2023

HELLO  
October



## A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT

- SEND US ANY LITERACY RESOURCES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
- THE SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON CONTENT FOR THE MEMBER'S DRIVE



Dear KPATA Members -

*"I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin, and crisp sunburnt leaves." – Ann Drake*

*I hope that you are starting to "smell autumn" in your neck of the woods! What a beautiful time of year this is... take a pause to walk outside and enjoy the fresh air, observe the beauty of the fallen leaves, and sip a cup of warm cider!*

Our September focus included:

- Completing interviews for the permanent Executive Director Position
- Brainstorming the 23-24 goals for the KPATA Board
- Providing several high-quality trainings for KPATA members

*We had wonderful feedback from the literacy training regarding the abundance of resources that were shared and the excitement that was generated by attendance at this training! Our hope is that the "love of literacy" is evident in the home visits that we are providing to families across the state of Kansas. If you have a favorite song or resource, please email it to Amanda at [awinch@kpata.org](mailto:awinch@kpata.org) and she will get it added to the folder.*

*The social media committee is working to develop plans for how they can best support our KS PAT programs. Some of their ideas include ready-to-go social media posts, a do's and don'ts sheet for social media posting and much more! What an exciting time! Please stay tuned...*



Regards,

*Hilary Koehn*

Hilary Koehn  
Interim Executive Director

# BRIGHT FUTURES SUCCESSES

## SUCCESS STORY

Major success, [child] is in school! She rides the bus for a full-day of Pre-K. Mom reports she is liking it and other than a rocky start getting up and off on the early bus, things have been going well. Mom is enjoying her extra time with just [toddler], making brownies with him one of the days I visited. Another success is that dad is back to work. He is building a bridge out of town, home on the weekends. Mom is enrolled in school and trying to figure out how she can work, school, and parent. [Toddler] is up to date on immunizations!

- 14 NEW REFERRALS
- 114 ACTIVE REFERRALS
- 36 PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS



# Helping Kids Stay on KanCare: How Parents as Teachers Can Help!



by Kate Gramlich:

[kgramlich@communitycareks.org](mailto:kgramlich@communitycareks.org)

[Download the PDF Article](#)

Medicaid renewals have resumed after a three-year pause (this is also called the “Medicaid Unwind”).

Most households on KanCare will be receiving a renewal form in the mail sometime this year. They MUST respond on time, or benefits are lost – regardless of eligibility. Some parents may also think that since they won’t qualify anymore, their kids wouldn’t either. This is not the case for most families!

KPATA staff and early childhood educators play a crucial role in supporting parents and kids during this process, but you’re not alone! Cover Kansas, a statewide nonprofit, has free resources to share. One of the first ways you can help is by providing accurate and up-to-date information about the changes in KanCare coverage. Many families are completely unaware that they should expect a renewal form in the mail OR their address may be out of date in KanCare’s system. Not signing and returning their form on time means their kids lose benefits. Once benefits are discontinued, the family has a 90-day “window” to get their renewal form in for backdated coverage.

## Resources:

- Find out how many kids in your area have lost coverage and are within the 90-day window to re-submit their form: [“Unwinding by County and Age”](#) (as of 8/31/23)
  - Sharing information:
    - This [Dashboard](#) from Cover Kansas has printable resources in several languages, including a Renewal Tips sheet for making the process easier.
    - Follow [Cover Kansas](#) for easily sharable Facebook posts every week.
    - Find templates for letters in this national [Toolkit](#)
  - If a parent loses Medicaid and is interested in Marketplace insurance, Cover Kansas Navigators can assist with applications at no cost. [Click here](#) to find with the nearest Cover Kansas Navigator or call toll-free 866-826-8375 from anywhere in Kansas.
  - [Request materials](#) about Navigators for your office or families.
- If there are other questions about this process or ways Cover Kansas can support your families and/or staff, please contact Kate Gramlich: [kgramlich@communitycareks.org](mailto:kgramlich@communitycareks.org).



# Upcoming Trainings



KPATA IS PLEASED TO HOST

## Perinatal Mental Health: Resources and Referrals

Thursday, October 19th  
from 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Please join us to learn more about:

- Connection families to needed resources in your community
- Next Steps After Screening

KPATA Membership  
is required to  
attend.

BECOME A MEMBER



Register  
Here



# Upcoming Trainings

ATTEND ALL TRAININGS WITH AN UPDATE TO DATE KPATA MEMBERSHIP!  
RENEW OR PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP [HERE](#)

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS  
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2023-24

<p>JULY</p> <p><b>Podcast: The Science of Intimacy With Our Kids</b></p> <p>UNRUFFLED - JANET LANSBURY</p> <p>7/20 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>AUGUST / SEPTEMBER</p> <p><b>SAFE SLEEP</b> (1 &amp; 2)</p> <p>8/31 1:00 - 2:30PM 9/27 1:00 - 2:30PM</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p><b>"Literacy Loving" Home Visits</b></p> <p>9/21 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p><b>Perinatal Mental Health</b></p> <p>10/19 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ NOVEMBER</p> <p><b>Racial Equity</b> Choose Your Own Session Series *Will Start in November</p> <p>11/16 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>★ DECEMBER</p> <p><b>AUTISM</b> <i>Within Families</i></p> <p>12/14 1:00-3:00 PM</p>
<p>JANUARY</p> <p><b>Prioritize PLAY</b> Lifelong Importance</p> <p>1/18 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ FEBRUARY</p> <p><b>Intimate Partner Violence</b> Collaboration in Communities</p> <p>2/15 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p><b>Screen Time</b> Talk About the Impact</p> <p>3/7 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>★ APRIL</p> <p><b>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</b> KCSL</p> <p>4/18 1:00-2:00 PM</p>	<p>★ MAY</p> <p><b>Substance Use Disorder</b> Part 2 - DCCCA</p> <p>5/16 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p><b>No Training in June</b></p>



INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY  
STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT





# KPATA is Hiring!



## We're Hiring EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*View the job description:*  
[Job Description](#)

To apply, please submit cover letter, resume, and names/contact info of three professional references to Janet Cody, KPATA President (janetburtcody@gmail.com). The position will remain open until filled.



## KPATA Executive Director



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[janetburtcody@gmail.com](mailto:janetburtcody@gmail.com)

[Job Description](#)



We're Hiring

## AFFILIATE COORDINATOR

[View the Job Description](#)

[Complete the Application](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
OCTOBER 13TH

For More  
Information Contact:

Hilary Koehn  
[hkoehn@kpata.org](mailto:hkoehn@kpata.org)

JOIN

OUR

TEAM

## Affiliate Coordinator



[Job Description](#)

[Apply Here](#)



# KPATA is Hiring!

Bright Futures Parent  
Educators

[Job Description](#)

[Apply Here](#)

 **KPATA is  
Hiring Educators  
for the Bright  
Futures Program**

- **Focus Areas:**  
Northwest Kansas  
Southwest Kansas  
Kansas City Area
- [View the Job  
Description Here](#)
- [Apply Here](#)

For More Info



Contact  
Hilary Koehn  
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**Join!  
us!**



REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS

**\$35/hr**

IN ADDITION TO  
MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT



## PATNC SOCIAL MEDIA KIT



*Did you know?*

# PATNC RESOURCE

*PATNC has a SOCIAL MEDIA  
KIT available on their website  
for support to programs... you  
can access it [here](#).*



# What Has KPATA Done For You?

How can my individual PAT program be heard and how do I share the right message to all the entities we need to impact across the state of Kansas?

No worries, KPATA makes it a priority to support YOUR voice and we make sure it is heard by holding a seat at the table for all of these crucial collaborations among early learning organizations!

- Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel and Workforce Task Groups
- Kansas Home Visiting Leadership Team
- Kansas Department of Education
- Child Care Aware
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Head Start Association
- Kansas Children's Service League
- KIDS Network
- Partnership for Early Success
- Kansas Connecting Communities
- DCCCA - Developing Caring Communities Committed to Action

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 19TH - PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING
- 20TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING
- 25TH - DCCCA MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

### NOVEMBER

- 7TH - ELECTION DAY
- 16TH - RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING
- 17TH - KPATA BOARD MEETING

